

RECOGNIZING JOE MAYER'S LIFE-TIME COMMITMENT TO ADVANCING AMERICA'S SECURITY AND HIS ADVOCACY FOR AMERICA'S MISSION IN SPACE

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize a constituent from Florida's Space Coast who has dedicated his career to advancing the strategic security of our nation and strengthening America's technological capability, and who has been a well-known and passionate advocate of our mission in space—Mr. Joe Mayer.

In 1976, Joe graduated from William Paterson College in New Jersey, then attended Georgetown University, and earned a Master of Science of Foreign Service degree focusing on national security. He got his start working on Capitol Hill as an aide to U.S. Senator Jake Garn of Utah, advising on defense and national security issues and helping to support the B-1B strategic bomber as well as funding for the Strategic Defense Initiative. Joe then went on to serve on the staff of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence focusing on arms control.

In 1986, Joe joined Rockwell International taking the lead on Rockwell's NASA space-related business. He worked to modernize the Space Shuttle program and became a leading advocate for the International Space Station. Joe later worked for The Boeing Company supporting their human space exploration efforts. He became the Chair of Citizens for Space Exploration, a pro-NASA, pro-space advocacy organization, received a NASA Space Flight Awareness award from the Boeing leadership team, and was named an Associate Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

In 2007 Joe joined the Lockheed Martin Space team in Houston representing the company in the community and advocating on behalf of the Crew Exploration Vehicle (CEV)/Orion spacecraft. He worked with community partners and traveled across the country meeting with the public, school children, community leaders and elected officials explaining the value of human space exploration. The Houston Mayor and City Council honored Joe for his professional and community contributions with a Declaration designating February 26, 2013, as 'Joe Mayer Day in the City of Houston'.

In 2013 Lockheed Martin dispatched Joe to Florida's Space Coast where he has served the space community in numerous civic and charitable positions and has been a leading voice for our nation's space program. Joe's local leadership roles have included Chairing the board of the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast, Chairing the Cocoa Beach Chamber as well as Chair of VISIT Florida and Space Coast Citizens for Space Exploration. He has served on the Boards of Brevard Cultural Alliance, Florida Defense Contractors Association, the Astronaut Memorial Foundation, and the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation. He is a member of the Space Coast Civilian-Military Association and serves on my Congressional Space Advisory Committee.

After more than 40 years of service, Joe recently announced his plans to retire, and we thank him for his tireless service and commitment to our communities, and for his strong advocacy and support for our nation's space program. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Joe Mayer and wishing him and his family well in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING DR. KEVIN MCCARTHY, PRESIDENT OF RENTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Dr. Kevin McCarthy on his retirement from Renton Technical College. He has served many years as an educator and as a leader in our community.

Kevin has continually demonstrated his commitment to education. He brought his talents to the Pacific Northwest where he served as vice president of instruction at the Lake Washington Institute of Technology, dean of the Health Sciences, Education & Wellness Institute at Bellevue College, and associate vice president of instruction at Blue Mountain Community College prior to joining Renton Technical College.

Kevin is well known throughout the community as the president of Renton Technical College. He has served as a strong and passionate leader in this role since 2015. Kevin has always emphasized the importance of inclusion and prioritized equitable access to education during his time as president. His focus on equity goes beyond the classroom. Kevin serves the community as part of the Puget Sound Coalition for College & Career Readiness and as a member of the Renton Mayor's Inclusion Task Force.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely thank and commend Dr. Kevin McCarthy for the tireless work he's done to educate and support learners in the Puget Sound region. I congratulate him and wish him a happy retirement.

HONORING DOCTOR JOEL STUART BLOOM AS A DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR IN NEW JERSEY

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Joel Stuart Bloom upon his retirement as the eighth President of the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT).

As a premier public university, NJIT plays a crucial role in shaping the economic trajectory of our state. It is also a school with the highest student mobility and, therefore, exemplifies the American Dream. I recall attending President Bloom's inauguration in 2012 when I served as the President of Newark's Municipal Council. At the ceremony, I voiced my optimism that the university would flourish under President Bloom's vision and forward-thinking ideas.

As he now steps down and begins the next chapter of his life, I can confidently express

my pride in President Bloom's leadership. Under his leadership, the school accomplished numerous significant feats, including a two-fold increase in enrollment, the expansion of research, the improvement of minority students' access to STEM education, and the formation of numerous commercial and industry partnerships. His notable contributions will leave a long-lasting imprint for generations to come.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask that you join me in expressing gratitude to President Bloom for his esteemed commitment to the growth and development of NJIT, the city of Newark, and our great Nation.

RECOGNIZING PATRICK MALONE

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to salute and offer my gratitude to my departing Deputy Chief of Staff and Communications Director, Patrick Malone, as he departs government service for other opportunities.

Patrick has faithfully served as a staffer in the House of Representatives for more than a decade, acting to preserve the values enshrined in the Constitution and striving to expand rights for all Americans.

During his tenure, Patrick has helped give voice to those who are too often left out of the conversation: victims of gun violence, domestic abuse, and hate crimes. I know that as his career advances he will find ways to advocate for these causes and many others in whatever way he can. Most especially, he has done all of this with care, good humor and with a commitment to mentoring others committed to public service.

As he leaves, I wish the best for Patrick, his wife, Cindy, and sons, Ronan and Seamus. I am proud to convey my thanks for his service.

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF JOHN HEUBUSCH

HON. MIKE GARCIA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

Mr. GARCIA of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the retirement and commend the service of John Heubusch, an individual who has spent decades in both the private and public sector and who, for the past 13 years, has played a pivotal role in the growth and revitalization of one of the jewels of our nation: the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. After guiding this prestigious institution through the challenges of the past decade, he will be enjoying his well-deserved retirement.

A native of our nation's capital, John Heubusch spent his college years in the D.C.-Maryland-Virginia area studying political science and receiving a master's degree in National Security Studies from Georgetown University. John started his career in public service nearly forty years ago working as an analyst for the Department of the Air Force. He soon moved to Capitol Hill, serving as a staffer for Congressman Denny Smith, where he quickly ascended the ranks to become his